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Helen McCreadie, left, from the Business Success and Loan Centre, speaking with Ontario Progressive leader and Fort Erie native Tim Hudak on Thursday. Go to page 10 for the full story.

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Police move in to new building

New paramedic and police facility has spirits up

Kris Dubé
The Times

Local police have settled into their new building and district commander Dave Hunter says spirits are up, since officially moving in June 14.

"It's definitely improved the morale of the members who work out of here," he said when sitting down with the Fort Erie Times this week.

The shared facility with Niagara Emergency Medical Services was funded entirely by the Niagara Region, for just over \$3 million.

There is a fitness room, a community meeting place complimented with artwork from the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre and students from Fort Erie Secondary School and Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School.



KRIS DUBE Fort Erie Times

Niagara Regional police district commander for Fort Erie Dave Hunter and sergeant Vincent Wong stand in front of the new police and paramedic building, that officially opened this week.

Police had simply 'grown out' of old facility, built over 30 years ago

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But more importantly, there is much more space to conduct the service provided by the Niagara Regional

Police.

"We were using offices for multi-purposes, that aren't conducive to modern policing," said Hunter.

The former building on Thompson Road, built in 1980 was 3,400 sq. feet.

The new building is 15,000 square feet, with the police's portion working out to 8,700 sq. feet.



The public doesn't always come here for good reasons, but still we want to give that perception, this is a building they can come to us for help."

— Dave Hunter

"Our old place, we'd grown out of."

Hunter hopes the community will see the new facility as a welcoming local

landmark, that even if people do have to seek the assistance of the police, it can be a little more comfortable.

"The public doesn't always come here for good reasons, but still we want to give that perception, this is a building they can come to us for help with their situations," said Hunter.

Another feature the building will have is a digital sign in front, showing general road safety reminders.

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Kinettes providing scholarship funds



Louise Albert, left, Susan Shular, Annie Mercier-Beaudoin, Debbie Woehl and Kelly Kendrick of the Fort Erie Kinettes, along with other members of the local service club will be donating \$500 to a scholarship fund for two Ridgeway-Crystal Beach High School students. Another \$500 will also be given to Fort Erie Secondary School for the same cause, when both schools hold graduation ceremonies at the end of the month.

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Speedway hearing starts its engine

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times



The CCGFE has worked very hard to consider the value in the opportunity, presented in this settlement."

— Lisa Triano

A lot of dialogue between the Canadian Motor Speedway's proponents and the Citizens' Coalition of Greater Fort Erie has resulted in what appears to be an amicable settlement.

It was announced last week that the speedway and the group of residents who filed an appeal with the Ontario Municipal Board had come to an agreement, but both parties said they could not discuss details until the OMB hearing started.

On Monday, at Town Hall, further details were spoken about it by legal counsel representing both sides.

Andrew Pritchard, representing the speedway proponents, said it was a long process that took a lot of dialogue between both sides and in the end a number of components of an agreement were established.

"It was a process that involved a lot of listening on both sides, a lot of hard work and a lot of good will," said Pritchard.

One part of the agreement, says the CCGFE will be per-

mited to view and provide consultation on outstanding studies and work that will need to be done leading up to the speedway being built.

"The proponent will make available any further studies that are going to be relied on," he added.

Drag racing will not be allowed at the facility, a result of the settlement.

Lisa Triano, the lawyer representing CCGFE, said her client has exercised its right to see both sides of the issue and hopes to work closely with the proponents as the project unfolds, pending an approval from the OMB.

"The CCGFE has worked very hard to consider the value in the opportunity presented, in this settlement," said Triano.

She also said the group looks forward to having "meaningful input" as the project is worked on.

The hearing is being presided over by OMB member Susan Schiller and is expected to last a few weeks.

At the hearing, statements from the Preservation of Agricultural Lands Society and one other individual are being heard.



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our editorial

Speedway critics have an open mind

Opponents to the Canadian Motor Speedway deserve a lot of respect.

They have settled with the proponents and made it evident that they see both sides of the issue.

There are concerns, valid ones, they have stressed since this project was first introduced.

But at the same time, it is apparent they see that a lot of people in town want to see this project happen. It's a last glimpse of hope for this town in some people's minds.

Both the Citizens Coalition of Greater Fort Erie and the speedway's proponents will work closely with one another as the process unfolds and both sides should be

commended for their professional, and open-minded attitude.

Perhaps some critics of the condo project in Crystal Beach, could take a page out of their book.

This is not meant as an attempt to offend people who are opposed to projects, but is a shining example that there is still hope for people with differing views to get along with one another.

- Kris Dubé

Racetrack is a local jewel that younger crowd should appreciate



Kris Dubé
Editor's Notebooks

I know this might come off as a surprise to some people, but I do get to enjoy myself around time once in awhile.

And in my opinion, there's no better place than

the Fort Erie Racetrack to do exactly that... enjoy your self.

I've always loved covering the Prince of Wales, opening day and look forward to being on the job at many events at the local border oval on this 115th and most likely final season.

But a few times I've left my camera and note pad at home, to take in all the fun just like many other proud,

life-long residents do every race day.

I may even have a beer in my hand, or a strawberry daiquiri from the Tiki Bar. Yes, there is a massive local news story surrounding me and I could go to work while I'm there...but sometimes it's nice to sit back and relax, which is something people in the newspaper business don't get to do very often.

But what I'm getting at is that it's unfortunate the track is on its way out. It's an exquisite venue that is truly like nothing else Fort Erie has ever had as a part of its identity.

Passport laws, the U.S. dollar not being as strong as it used to, indoor smoking rules, a number of things have had an impact on the track's struggles over the years.

But what could have saved the Fort Erie Racetrack, or even played a role in the entire industry's success, is if it appealed to people my age a little more than it does.

I'm guilty as charged, and I'd like to start frequenting the local jewel until this season. Like I said earlier, I've always covered stories there over the five years I've been at the Fort Erie Times, but I didn't start going as a local resident until recently.

I wish this wasn't the case, because I've been

missing out on a great time for so many years and I wish this didn't dawn on me until the year it is likely shutting its doors.

You don't have to take my advice, but you should. If you haven't gone down for a race day, it's something you might be interested in.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207 or send me an email at kris.dube@sunmedia.ca.



Do You Remember?

Our thanks to museum volunteer Janet Boyce and an anonymous caller for putting names to faces in last week's photo of the gardeners. These people, from left to right, Rose Bears, unknown, unknown, Frank Lejeune, Doris Lighthead, and Timothy Horgan were part of a horticultural group

that used to plant large flower beds outside of Douglas Memorial Hospital, among other projects. It's never too late to call in about the other gardeners, or even stop by the Museum to look at our binders of photographs needing identification.

Is zooming around the go-cart track a fond sum-

mer memory? Then perhaps you can identify the young racer in this week's photo, or tell us where this track was located. If you recognize this boy as someone you know (or even as yourself!) Please call the Fort Erie Historical Museum 905-894-5322 or e-mail museum@forterie.on.ca.

opinion page

Chamber of Commerce president urges business leaders to voice opinions

Dear Editor,

The Province's recent announcements to close OLG Slots in Fort Erie and to retract the long-standing revenue sharing program with Ontario Race Tracks, has grievously impacted our community. The job losses, devastating economic impact, and negative publicity to our town will be difficult to overcome.

Our Mayor, Town Council and staff, and Economic Development and Tourism Corporation have worked tirelessly to provide alternative solutions - asking that the government allow Fort Erie to privatize the slots which would ultimately save the casino and race track. Unfortunately, there has been no response to these suggestions from

Queen's Park, and with no support from your government to entertain this innovative solution both facilities will be vacant next year.

However, there are still two other major development undertakings within our sites - the Canadian Motor Speedway and the Miller's Creek/Niagara Parks Commission Marina project, that promise to

offer significant and far-reaching positive economic impacts to our community and beyond. (See two-page advertisement in Fort Erie Times on Saturday, June 9). Fort Erie Mayor Doug Martin, FE EDTC General Manager Jim Thibert, and MPP Kim Craitor have met with Minister Brad Duguid, Economic Development & Innovation to update and

discuss the positive impacts of these projects.

I urge the business leaders and citizens of Greater Fort Erie to individually work together by writing the Minister's office and insisting that his government put our community on their priority list and offer quick and decisive support of these two substantial development opportunities.

Letters should be forwarded care of Brad Duguid, Minister of Economic Development & Innovation, 8th Floor, Hearst Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E1.

*Dean Demizio
Greater Fort Erie
Chamber of Commerce president*

Region should reconsider its position on Industrial Wind Energy, says reader

Dear Editor,

There can be no one left in Ontario with any interest at all in Industrial

Wind Energy, both pro and con, who is not aware of the ever growing concerns, not just locally, but worldwide, regarding the placement of IWTs

too close to homes and the potential negative health and economic effects being experienced.

At the Regional Council

Meeting last Thursday those concerns were to be addressed by debating a motion put forward asking for no more than a request to provincial government to impose a moratorium on any further IWT projects until independent studies were completed to assess and recommend a Safe Set Back Distance from homes in order to protect the best interests of the Niagara Region residents being threatened with these Industrial Power Plants.

Other independent studies worldwide have caused governments to increasingly accept a minimum 2km Safe Set Back Distance and in some cases even more. Ontario only requires 550 metres, a figure that has no bearing on negative effects on humans or the environment, but purely

a planning figure convenient to the distance apart of Concessions and rural roads.

On the night the private, for profit (profits based only on our taxes and not on any efficient or economical energy production) Ontario Wind Energy companies and their vested interests, with the almost complete support of the Regional Councilors, won.

The whole weight of Regional Council, behind closed doors, probably attempted to have the motion withdrawn, and if they did, failed. Then in the chamber, with a crowded public gallery, they attempted to defer the motion, and failed. In spite of that and in spite of the fact that reactions from the public present made it beyond doubt that many Regional citi-

zens are genuinely concerned at the prospect of losing health, devaluation of their prime investment, their homes, and the loss of quality of life, the majority of Regional Councilors refused to listen. They would not even offer the Councilor who proposed the motion, or the Councilor who seconded it, the courtesy of speaking in defence of their motion.

When the Niagara wind energy companies say 'Jump,' sadly, the majority of Regional Councilors only ask 'How high?'

Resident thankful for care received at Douglas Memorial

Dear Editor,

I have a minor heart condition. Last Saturday morning I suddenly got a fast heartbeat that wouldn't go away. My wife drove me to the Douglas emergency care centre since we didn't deem this serious enough to go to either the Niagara Falls or St. Catharines hospital.

At Douglas I was looked after within five minutes by a very professional, very knowledgeable and most pleasant nurse, who took my blood pressure and pulse. Those now being normal, it was suggested I submit to an electro-

cardiogram.

I was taken to another room where, again, I waited about five minutes and another nurse gave me the EKG. Five more minutes and I had the results from the technician.

I was astounded: I have never seen anything like it in recent times, our medicare, especially waiting times, been terrible.

Kudos to Douglas hospital. Oops, it's not a hospital. I wish our hospitals ran like Douglas, though.

*Jacques Desmarais
Port Erie*

*Andrew Watts
Wainfleet*

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Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

APPLICANT: SHARON AND KEN ANDREWS FILE # 350309-0346



TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Fort Erie passed By-law Number 69-12 on the 18th day of June, 2012 under section 34 of The Planning Act, 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Fort Erie not later than the 13th day of July, 2012, a notice of the appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection. Any appeal must be accompanied by the Board's fee of \$125.00. A certified cheque or money order in this amount made payable to the Minister of Finance must accompany the Notice of Appeal.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of By-law 69-12 is to amend Zoning By-law 129-90 (COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW) by changing the zoning of lands shown on the location map above from "Residential 1 R1 Zone" to site specific "Residential 1 R1-475 Zone" in order to construct a single detached dwelling on the subject property.

These lands are zoned Residential 1 R1-475 Zone. The lands shall comply with the Residential 1 (R1) Zone, except that the minimum setback of the single detached dwelling from the 1:100 year flood elevation as determined by the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority shall be not less than 15.1 metres.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF FORT ERIE THIS 23rd DAY OF JULY, 2012
CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

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Planning Act, 1990, c. P 13, ss.34(18), O.Reg. 545/06

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CAROLYN KETT, TOWN CLERK

Legion wants to re-locate cenotaph

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 71 wants to make changes to the cenotaph that sits at Mather's Arch.

It all started with a conversation a last year's Remembrance Day ceremonies between legion members and mayor Doug Martin, who said the monument would look much better and serve its purpose more effectively, if the soldier at the top of the structure was facing Canada, instead of the U.S.

At Monday's regular council meeting, Br. 71 executive member Larry Gruber made a delegation, explaining the merits and details of the project.

A grant of \$25,000 from Veteran Affairs Canada will fund a portion of the restoration, but another \$37,000 is needed to complete the project, with an overall projected cost of about \$62,000.

"Wouldn't it make more sense, to have the soldier facing us?" said Gruber at Monday's meeting.

The re-location of the cenotaph to the roundabout area at Veteran's Way, would involve repositioning of the monument, construction of a new base, three flag poles, lighting, additional inscribed names of local veterans who have fought in various conflicts, land-

scaping and restoration of the area of where the cenotaph currently stands.

Gruber said he spoke to council, not to promote the endeavours of Br. 71, but to put a call out to Greater Fort Erie, with hopes that the various planned fundraising initiatives to support the project will be successful.

"I'm here to seek the assistance of our community, to make this project a reality," said Gruber.

Although receiving the \$25,000 from Veteran Affairs says the work needs to be completed by March 2013, it is hoped that the project will be complete by Remembrance Day of this year.

"We are confident we will be successful," he said.

In-kind donations will also be welcomed, mayor Doug Martin explained.

"If we have someone who can donate a crane to help move it, we can accept that," said Martin.

Gruber also said it is important to add names of local soldiers who were involved in the War of 1812 and the Fenian Raids.

"These two conflicts occurred before Confederation, but are very important," said Gruber.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to this cause, can call Town Hall at (905) 871-1600 or the Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 71 at (905) 871-8682.



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Sam Stark, Tom Armstrong, mayor Doug Martin, Larry Gruber, Tim Morin and Rick Shular in front of the cenotaph at Mather's Arch. The Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71, along with the mayor's office, is trying to raise money to re-locate the monument to Veteran's Way. The re-location has a price tag of \$62,000.

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Hudak visits hometown to talk about local struggles



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Ontario PC leader says wetland legislation is one of Fort Erie's most dominant challenges

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Tim Hudak says the provincial government needs to get out of the way and let small towns operate with less red tape and barriers.

The Fort Erie native and leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party visited his hometown on Thursday to meet with mayor Doug Martin, members of the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce and other community figures, for a roundtable discussion on some of the economic problems the municipality is facing at the moment.

"I wanted to catch up on the challenges faced by business and families here in Fort Erie," Hudak said to the Fort Erie Times once the meeting at the Business Success and Loan Centre had wrapped up.

The closure of the slots, the impending closure of the racetrack, provincially significant wetland legislation that has limited the amount of space available in the town for new industry to set up... there are a number of problems that need to be addressed, he feels.

"It's heartbreaking to see this avalanche of bad news."

Working out the finances of the province is always a challenge, but Hudak says it seems like Fort Erie seems to be getting the short end of the stick, far too often, under Dalton McGuinty's Liberal government.

"While we have budgetary problems in the province, it is particularly awful to see Fort Erie get kicked in the teeth over and over again," said Hudak, who is a proud Fort Erie native that is optimistic his hometown will be able to turn itself around.

"I know Fort Erie will bounce back."

There are acres of land in Fort Erie that the local government has been trying to identify as potential sites for new businesses that may want to



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—Ontario PC leader Tim Hudak

open doors here, but wetland legislation handed down by the province has made this impossible.

"It's awfully hard to attract business, if there's no land to set up on," said Hudak.

In the legislature, Hudak pitched the idea of privatizing the slots, a proposal also brought forward by local officials from the Economic Development and Tourism Corporation. The idea was immediately shot down by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, which Hudak finds unacceptable.

"I don't think the government should actually be in the gambling business and it's a shame it was not given any kind of serious consideration," he said.

Another topic that was discussed at the roundtable meeting, was the Canadian Motor Speedway, which the Ontario PC leader says he is in full support of.

"I think it will be a boom to the area, hopefully we can get through the Ontario Municipal Board process soon and get on with it," said Hudak.

With all of Fort Erie's struggles, Hudak said the town should be recommended for being creative and always trying to find solutions to the problems faced.

"They do have ideas, but it seems every time I talk to the mayor, there's a new obstacle put up by the province."

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Students dedicate bench to their friend, Kelsey Hill

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Students at Stevensville Public School have been working tirelessly to raise funds, in an effort to pay tribute to their friend Kelsey Hill.

The 13-year-old lost a courageous battle with cancer in December of last year and since then the school she attended has held a number of fundraising initiatives that have raised money for a \$1,500 bench to honour the young girl.

On Monday, students gathered at a park in Black Creek along River Trail Road, only a few metres from Kelsey's parents' home, to unveil the bench that has been placed in her name.

"They wanted to do something that would last, for Kelsey and her family," said the school's principal Paul O'Melia, of the project chosen by the student body.

"The kids thought it was a great idea," he added.

Considering the close proximity to Kelsey's family home, O'Melia says the

location of the bench is a perfect spot.

"There's a lot of memories for them with Kelsey here," he said, also pointing out that many other students who were friends with her, live nearby in Black Creek.

"They worked really hard for this," he added.

Kelsey's mother, Lana Hill, told the Fort Erie Times that her daughter would have been very proud of the school and the efforts they have made to pay tribute to her, since she was very proud to be a student at Stevensville Public.

"Kelsey attended Stevensville Public School since Junior Kindergarten and had so many friends. After diagnosis, it was hard for Kelsey to be apart from her friends and school and she looked forward to visits with her classmates at school. Kelsey was determined to begin Grade 8 and she did. Kelsey even ran for Student Council President and won. Kelsey was very involved with the 'Me to We' Club at school which was involved in fundraising for underprivileged children in Africa," said Lana.

On the bench, there is an inscription that reads "Just keep swimming."

This is a line from Kelsey's favorite movie, "Finding Nemo," and is also a motto Kelsey lived by closely.

"She fought hard every single day and was determined to beat cancer. All throughout her surgeries,

radiation and chemotherapy, she kept smiling and remained positive. The nurses and doctors at the hospital were always happy to see Kelsey as she always had a smile for them no matter what," said Lana.

"She loved being able to help others and always had a positive attitude and smile

even when she was not feeling well," added Lana.

Kelsey's mother also said having the bench placed so close to home, provides a lot of comfort for her family.

"The location was a natural, especially since Kelsey spent countless hours playing at the park with her

friends," she said.

Also, the playroom at Frank McDonald House, in Hamilton, has been named in honour of Kelsey and \$37,000 will need to be raised to make this completely possible.

Visit <http://bit.ly/NrdZvo> to make a donation.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Students from Stevensville Public School gathered in Black Creek on Monday, to dedicate a bench in honour of Kelsey Hill, a student who lost her battle with cancer last December.

Clarification from story last week

In the June 16 edition of

the Fort Erie Times, an

article about the unveiling of the newly-restored Point Abino Lightstation was printed on page 10.

In the article,

Charlene Nigh, from the Point Abino Preservation Society (PALPS) was inadvertently quoted, with comments provided at the event by someone else.

The Fort Erie Times would like to apologize for the mistake and any con-

fusion it may have caused.

If you have any questions or concerns about stories published in the Fort Erie Times, contact editor Kris Dubé at kris.dube@sunmedia.ca or by phone at (905) 871-3100 ext. 207.

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New wheelchair accessible van for Community Living

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Thanks to the support of the United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, the Niagara Community Foundation, the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) and the Ridgeway Lions Club, life will be a little bit easier for people supported by Community Living Fort Erie.

On Thursday, a 2009 wheelchair accessible Dodge Caravan was unveiled at the agency's office on Industrial Drive.

The van was donated by the OTF and the necessary modifications to the vehicle were made possible through donations. The Niagara Community Foundation contributed \$5,000, the United Way donated \$4,500 and the Ridgeway Lions pitched in \$500.

The remaining cost was taken care of through fund-raising efforts made by Community Living.

On behalf of the Niagara

Community Foundation, Sandy Annunziata said the community grants fund is essential to help non-profit agencies with initiatives like this.

"It will make things a lot easier, with respect to mobility," said Annunziata, speaking directly about the donation to Community Living.

"In this economic downturn, where every dollar counts, it's very important. We're more than happy to make this investment," he said.

Community Living Fort Erie executive director Maureen Brown, agreed that this addition to the agency's fleet will be more than beneficial.

"It's going to get the people we support out in the community a lot more," she said.

"Without the support of these funders and the support of community members at fundraising events, we would not have been able to convert this vehicle, to make it wheelchair accessible," said Brown.

'Me to We'



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Recently, students at Stevensville Public School presented a cheque worth \$12,700 to Free the Children, an international organization that helps struggling nations in Africa. The amount was raised by the school's 'Me to We' club through numerous fundraising initiatives. The school was also given the Big Dreamer award, from Free the Children. Over 200 schools were in the running for this accolade and Stevensville Public was the successful candidate. This means an additional \$5,000 was contributed to their cause, making the grand total \$12,700. The money will go toward building a school in Kenya.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Sandy Annunziata, left, from the Niagara Community Foundation, Brian Killian, Tim Mayne from the Ridgeway Lions Club and Community Living Fort Erie executive director Maureen Brown in front of a new wheelchair accessible van acquired by the agency, through a number of donations.

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Dogs putting on air show at festival

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

The Friendship Festival has never seen flying dogs before, until the upcoming 26th run that starts in about a week.

Ultimate Air Dogs Canada will be at the Friendship Festival on June 30 and July 1 for a showcase of the fun-filled canine sport.

For ten years, the organization has existed in the United States, but a Canadian branch was just formed this year. Stephanie Hounsell, a Fort Erie resident, who is one of the people from all over Ontario behind the group, says they are looking forward to showcasing what they are all about.

Fort Erie has never seen an organization like this before," said Hounsell.

"It is a first for Niagara and we expect it to be an exciting event with dogs and handlers from Ontario as well as the U.S. joining us for the weekend," she added.

There are two levels of competition that will be shown at the Friendship Festival.

The first is called 'Splash,' where dogs are judged by the

“It is a first for Niagara and we expect it to be an exciting event with dogs and handlers from Ontario as well as the U.S. joining us for the weekend.”

—Stephanie Hounsell

distance of their jumps.

The second is called 'Catch-it,' where the canines are required to catch a toy in mid-air before landing in the water, after jumping from the dock that will be brought in to the festival grounds.

"If they don't catch it mid-air, the jump won't be scored," she said.

Interested dog owners will also be allowed to take their pet for a test jump or two (for two dollars), to see if it is a sport that they might be interested in.

On Sunday July 1, all proceeds raised by Ultimate Air Dogs Canada will be donated to the Fort Erie SPCA.

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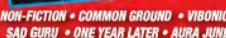
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Aboriginal Head Start was asked to set them up for the week informing the community about the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre (FENFC). Under the Rainbow and Aboriginal Head Start. On Tuesday, Sarah Cotter, the FENFC's "princess" performed a hoop dance demonstration at the Bank. Sarah was accompanied by Joe Shawana, who played the hand drum and sang for the demonstration.



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Piano showcase at library

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times



**We're just trying
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—Angela Willett

"They're definitely not beginners, they're a little more advanced," she said.

It is not certain how much money will need to be raised, to send eight students overseas, since it more than a year away, but she hopes the ball will get rolling early and support from the community will pour in.

"We're just hoping to raise as much as we can," she said.



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Racetrack officials hoping to set up transitional fund for employees

Ray Spiteri
QMI Agency

A party has been planned to celebrate Fort Erie Race Track's 115th anniversary, looking more like the last at the historic border oval.

While race fans are being encouraged to enjoy a slice of birthday cake, meet former Prince of Wales-winning jockeys and watch thoroughbreds take to the dirt surface Tuesday, track officials are hoping to set up a fund to help employees and horse people transition into new careers.

Officials appeared before a provincial expert panel

this week and asked the government for \$10 million of \$50 million set aside in the provincial budget for transitional purposes.

Jim Thibert, the track's chief executive officer, said the province is making a "big mistake" killing the \$345-million-a-year slots-at-racetrack program, which has kept the horse-racing industry afloat since 1999.

Thibert said the decision to end the program next year, and the closure of the slots facility in Fort Erie this past April, will lead to hundreds of unemployed people and create "eco-

nomic and social upheaval."

The track, one of the oldest in North America, is the town's largest employer, providing direct jobs to 240 people, while hundreds more are employed by horse owners.

Thibert said his team has tried to convince the province to work with them on a long-term plan to keep the track open, and has also looked to see if there's any private interest in taking over track operations.

He said neither side has bitten on the offer. If the track can't be saved, the province should "step up"

and help track employees "transcend the shock of losing their traditional businesses and transition into a new, sustainable and productive life."

Thibert said the track hopes to become a registered charity, which would allow the province to allocate \$10 million towards a local transition fund. He said the money would be invested and would gain interest over five years. At the end of the transition, the track would give \$5 million back to the government.

"There is no private entity that could walk in and start racing today," said Thibert. "It's a very complex balance between the cost of opera-

tion, the investment in infrastructure, the investment in training horses and breeding them..."

Thibert said the problems at the Fort Erie track are not unique.

Bardine this week, Woodbine Entertainment Group CEO Nick Eaves said the government's decision to end the slots-at-racetrack program could mean the end of the Queen's Plate, which is scheduled to run this Sunday at Woodbine.

"If we find ourselves on the first of April without an operating model that allows Woodbine to compete in the province's gambling strategy, we aren't able to operate and there can't be a Queen's Plate," Eaves said. "It's not a threat, it's a

practical reality."

Thibert said in an odd twist, the province's decision to end the lucrative slots-at-racetrack program at the end of March, 2013 has served to bring an industry together, which has not always been the case.

He said the industry has been frustrated by the province's "failure" to show "any realistic analysis of the impacts of their decision."

"The industry is pulling together for, in my opinion, the first time," said Thibert.

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Bringing home medals



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Danielle Waters and Abby Barnhart recently competed in the 2012 Special Olympics 2012 spring games in Kingston, bringing home three medals between both athletes. Read the whole story on page 30.

Talk about time capsule

Last week the Fort Erie Times ran a story about a time capsule that was unveiled at Our Lady of Victory Catholic School. It was mentioned that former teacher Cathy Dennahower would be at the Friendship

Festival, hoping former teachers and pupils would stop by to reflect about it. More specifically, Dennahower will be at the corner of Central Avenue and the Niagara Parkway from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on July 1.

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Agencies concerned about plans for Interim health program

Fort Erie social and health service agencies are against government plans to make significant cuts to the Interim Federal Health program (IFH). Bridges Community Health Centre, Casa El Norte, Mathew House and Bethlehem Housing and Support Services argue that changes to the IFH program will result in refugees losing access to primary health care services and medications to treat their illnesses while in Canada creating considerable health risks for refugees.

The IFH currently treats refugees for a number of basic health care services, but under the new cuts, refugees will only be able to access health care if it is considered urgent, essential or is a threat to public health or safety. Taralea

McLean, Executive Director for Bridges Community Health Centre states, "Bridges currently serves a high proportion of refugees and we are alarmed at the impact the cuts will have on their health and well-being. We are talking about basic primary health care services and access to necessary medications... prenatal care, treatment of diabetes and inhalers for people with asthma."

The Canadian government is looking to save 20-million in health care costs; however, Fort Erie service providers claim that denying people access to primary health care and necessary medications is not a cost effective measure.

"When people are denied treatment at the onset of symptoms, problems tend to escalate to

the point where they present at the emergency room with more complex problems that are more costly to treat," states McLean.

"For example, instead of providing a child from a non-designated country of origin who has asthma with an inhaler, the child will have to return to the emergency department for treatment and may end up requiring hospitalization. If left untreated the child's life could be placed at risk. Prevention is more cost effective than treating illness once it presents with complications, not to mention equitable," says McLean.

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Athletes accomplish goals at Special Olympics Spring games

Kris Dubé

Fort Erie Times

Abby Barnhart and Danielle Waters are two of Fort Erie's most recent accomplished special Olympians.

The pair just recently returned from Kingston, after competing in the Special Olympics 2012 provincial spring games.

Both competing in free-style and backstroke swimming events, a total of three medals were earned between both athletes.

Danielle brought home a gold and Danielle two silvers and one bronze.

Reflecting on their wins, both said they were in a great mood after placing in their events.

I want to keep going even harder and get the gold."

— Danielle Waters

Danielle says she is going to keep practicing her spring sport of choice, preparing for next year.

"I want to keep going even harder and get the gold," she said.

Danielle's mother, Margaret Waters, said the event held in Kingston was one of the most amazing experiences she's had in her life.

The comradery, the friendships that are formed between all the athletes and most importantly... the sportsmanship that is clearly on display.

"A lot of professional athletes can take a leaf out of their book," she said.

"It was just phenomenal, it's something you don't see anywhere else," she added.

Waters says the program offered for her daughter and her fellow athletes is remarkable, but wishes that one day a special olympics branch will open in Fort Erie.

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Caregiver seeking support to purchase wheelchair van

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Kevin Near needs a new vehicle to get him around to his activities and appointments.

The 29-year-old Crystal Beach resident, who has severe cerebral palsy has been living with his advocates since he was seven years old.

His caregiver, Vivian Stevens, approached the Fort Erie Times this week, to explain that the wheelchair accessible van she has been taking him to his day programs and other medical appointments for almost the last decade, is on its way out.

There are several problems with the engine and the transmission.

They often rely on the services of Red Cross, but cannot at all times.

"It would be very expensive to fix," said Stevens.

In a flyer that will be placed at various locations in Greater Fort Erie, Stevens and Near are asking the public, small businesses and service clubs to help, if they can. They are looking for a dream vehicle, similar to one that is already for sale by a local private individual for around \$19,000.

"Yes it is a very large amount to ask for, but I am hoping everyone understands that this is a very difficult situation for me," reads the flyer.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Vivian at (905) 894-0401 or (905) 993-0037.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Changes would impact refugees

From Page 30

Fort Erie receives a number of refugee claimants on a daily basis and as a result, is home to several community agencies that are designed to serve the needs of newcomers. Casa El Norte and Mathew House are refugee shelters offering a safe, secure and warm place for refugees first arrive in Canada.

"When refugees arrive in Canada they have often escaped war, persecution or threats on their lives. They often arrive with little or no resources and will be left with no means

to access basic health care services," says Lynn Hannigan, Director of Casa El Norte.

"Refugees are the most vulnerable population in Canadian society. These people have fled war zones, violence and are estranged from their families. These are thoughtless changes that completely undermine Canada's rep-

utation as humanitarians, not to mention contravening Canadian and International conventions," says McLean.

Fort Erie health and social services providers urge the Canadian government to revoke these changes and encourage people to voice their concerns by sending a letter to MP, Rob Nicholson.

Vivian Stevens and Kevin Near are hoping the community will come together and find a way to replace the handicap van that they have used for many years.

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Senior honoured to receive award

Kris Dubé
Fort Erie Times

Dorie Emerson is one of those faces that many adults living in Fort Erie, some in their senior years, are very familiar with.

She likely taught them how to swim, or was on the coaching staff of their minor hockey team.

At Monday's council meeting, the 87-year-old resident presented the Town Of Fort Erie's senior citizen of the year award.

Mayor Doug Martin, who says he's known the active, high-spirited woman for most of his life, was more than proud to thank her on behalf of the community, for all her hard work over the years.

"There isn't a better recipient than Dorie," said Martin, before Emerson took the podium and shared some of her story.

First and foremost, she thanked the Town and its senior citizens advisory committee for the recognition.

"It's a great honour and I must say I'm pleased to receive it," she said.

Emerson has a long list of organizations she has volunteered with locally during her life.

She was a Red Cross water safety instructor for many years, volunteered for Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey, worked with the Douglas Memorial Hospital's palliative care unit, is still a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, and worked with many early programs for the handi-

capped. Less than two years ago, she returned from her second mission trip to Haiti, working with children in the struggling nation.

But it is her nature to thank the people who made the organizations she served with possible.

"How can you volunteer

for an organization if it hasn't started by someone?"

After thanking a number of people, she wrapped up her comments, with saying how important of a place her hometown is.

"I wasn't born here, but Fort Erie is my town," she said.



KRIS DUBÉ Fort Erie Times

Mayor Doug Martin cuddles up to a life-long friend Dorie Emerson, who received the Town of Fort Erie's senior citizen of the year award, at Monday's council meeting.

Anniversary party at track on Tuesday

From Page 28

"There seems to be an amalgamation of the goals and objectives of

the racing industry. Now, the question is ultimately where do we go with it?"

Thibert said he would "never bet against the track," but he encourages as many people to attend

Tuesday's party's, acknowledging it could very well be the last.

"We need to prepare for every possible eventuality," he said. "This track has more than nine lives, it's been in jeopardy before. It's an uphill battle, no doubt. We're not giving up yet, but we have to be in a position to help these employees, whatever happens with the track."

The post time for the first race Tuesday is 4:15 p.m. There will be 22 Prince of Wales-winning jockeys at the tiki bar

signing a commemorative program featuring photos from the date each won the second jewel of Canada's Triple Crown.

The Prince of Wales dining room will be offering an Italian buffet. Reservations can be made by calling 905-871-3200.

During the races, there will be entertainment at the bar patio, including performances by bluegrass band, Rhyme N Reason.

New Kid in Town, an Eagles tribute band, will perform after the races.

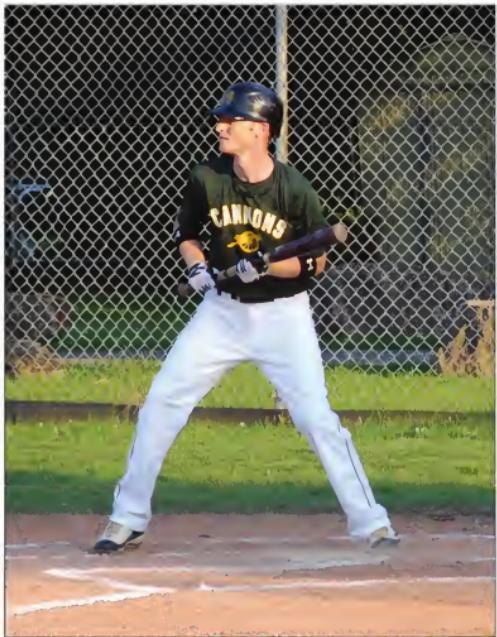
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Fort Erie Cannons lead-off batter Adam Fowler considers a bunt in the first inning of Wednesday night's win over the Thorold Mariners.

Cannons pound Thorold 15-7

The Cannons defeated the visiting Thorold Mariners 15-7 at home Wednesday.

Pat Giampaolo picked up the win on the mound throwing three innings of one hit baseball in relief of starter Zak Porter, who limited the visitors to just two hits while striking out four.

Giampaolo also got the "gold helmet" for going two for five at the bat with a long two run homer.

Adam Fowler with two runs, scored Colin Chevalier was two for four with two runs scored and Nick Fink was one for two with two

runs scored also added to the offense in a game which was never in doubt as the home side led 15-3 after six innings.

The next home game is Wednesday against the St. Catharines Cobras, with a 7:30 p.m. start at Oakes Park.

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Previous Fort Erie Sports Wall of Fame inductee Ted Renshaw, is joined with one of this year's inductees, Craig Spada, last Friday evening. Spada, a former National Hockey League referee, joined four others who were also placed on the wall. Renshaw was inducted two years ago for his career in motorsports.



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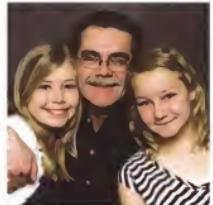
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ASHLEY DUNSEITH

Dave and Heather Dunseith of Stevensville are thrilled to announce the graduation of their daughter Ashley. Ashley has graduated from Brock University with a Bachelor of Arts Honours with First Class standing in Child and Youth Studies. Ashley is returning to Brock for her Masters degree in September. Ashley would like to thank her parents, Heather and grandparents Nanny O' (Phyllis O'Hearn) and Nanny and Poppa D (Herb and Sandy Dunseith). A special Angel is also beaming down from heaven watching over her little princess...Papa G (Gibber O'Hearn).

We are all so very proud of you Ashley for your hard work and dedication! Best wishes and congratulations on your future studies.

You will make a difference one day!

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CALL BOB

BILLER, Robert - Bob passed away peacefully on Sunday June 17th, 2012 surrounded by the love of his family in his 79th year. Loving husband of Deanna (nee Nevening) - Cherished father of Scott (Cassie) Biller and Heather (Kevin) Hall. Proud grandfather of Jamie, Shelly, Amanda, Robert, Erica, Vanessa, Tavia, Marissa, Devon, Dalton, Elizabeth and Bryce. Sadly missed by brothers Gordon (Gloria) and Jack, sister Margaret (Emie) Biller and son-in-law Maxine. Predeceased by his wife Bruce and his brother Ken. He was a proud father to his dog Smokey the Bear. He served 25 years in the Canadian Armed Forces and was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion. Following his retirement from the Forces he served as a volunteer at the Fort Erie Race Track. Bob was the proud owner of Bob's Siding & Eavestrough for many years. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES** 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. The family received friends on Wednesday June 20th from 1-4 to 5:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion Br #71, Fort Erie held a Legion Service on Wednesday the 20th at 7pm. A celebration of Bob's life was held in the Benner Funeral Chapel on Thursday June 21st, at 11am. Cremation followed. Donations to the Elmwood Perry Fund, Canadian Cancer Society or charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

THURSDAY

COLE, G. Blaine - Suddenly at his residence on Monday June 18, 2012, Blaine Cole, beloved friend of Don, died at age of Lance (Edmonton, AB), brother of Don Cole (Kim) of Stevensville & Marjorie Trudel (Niagara Falls), loving grandfather of Ashlee & Chelsea. Blaine was predeceased by his parents Gordon & Blanche Cole. Also survived by seven nieces & nephews. He was an employee by Honeywell for 10 years. Al Blaine's request cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Blaine's life will be held at Crystal Ridge Community Church (corner of Elmwood & Victoria) Crystal Beach on Saturday June 23 at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-694-0120.

Deaths

INNES, Esther - The family of Esther R. Innes of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada Guelph and Fort Erie is sad to announce her passing June 7, 2012 in her 88th year at Sunnyside Home, Kitchener. Beloved wife of the late Jim Innes. She was a much loved mother to Edward, Brian, Martin and Kevin. She was also a much loved grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. She will be greatly missed by all her relatives and friends. Following Esther's wishes there will be no visitation or funeral. A cremation has been placed with a private family interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Alzheimer Society of Ontario of your choice. Sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff at Sunnyside Home, for their caring and dedication.

KELLEY, Bruce "Mike" - February 19, 1925 - June 17, 2012 - unexpectedly passed away at the Greater Niagara General Hospital on Sunday June 17th, 2012. Predeceased by his beloved wife Veronica Ann and his cherished daughter Nancy Henry. Loving father of Vicki (David) Green, Greg (Gloria) Goldsmith, Lorraine and Jeff (Natalina). Much loved grandfather of Alyja, John and Matt Goldsmith and Mike, Scott and Chris Kelley and great-grandfather of Riley, Bailey, Alyssa, Jake and James. A very special thank you to Dr. Cleon Che and Mrs. Dennis French. Please remember our friends at **THE WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME** 722 Ridge Road, North, Ridgeway from 2-4 and 7-9 Monday. A celebration of Bruce's life will be held in the chapel Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment to follow at Ridgeway Cemetery. To leave online condolences or memorial donations, please visit www.williamsfuneralhome.ca.

THURSDAY



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Can-Am tournament at Tennis Club a 'huge success'

The Doc Brown June 15th though the 17th Memorial Can-Am Tennis Tournament which ran

This is the premier tennis tournament of the summer and drew over 96

players and spectators from around the Niagara peninsula and Western New York. Scott Maskell of Glenny Insurance Brokers Limited

ran the tournament with volunteers from the Fort Erie Tennis Club, and the brokerage generously provided door prizes to event attendees.

"We know the tennis tournament is a popu-

lar summer event in the area, so we decided to bring awareness to a deserving service at the same time," commented Scott Maskell of Glenny Insurance Brokers Limited.

Sheri Perdziak and Drew Puleo defeated Mary-Anne Grande and Sam Deora in the mixed doubles final.

Alex Kemerer and Kathi Plugg defeated Wendy Haggerty and Andy Olver in the mixed doubles consolation round.

In men's doubles, Mike Robinson and John

Gioocochea defeated Scott Gould and Russ Reinagel.

Chris Bonn and Tim Cochrane defeated Tady Saczkowski and John Goodin in the consolation round.

Thitima Christopher and Kathy Goodin defeated Lisa Noworyta and Erica Weiss in women's doubles.

Cheryl Athoe and Tami Micallef defeated Chris Trefiak and Marlene Mader in the women's doubles final.



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Francis Cuizon in action at last weekend's Doc Brown Memorial Can-Am tournament, held at the Fort Erie Tennis Club.



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The screenshot shows the front page of the Fort Erie Times website. At the top, there's a large image of a horse race with the text "Huge blow for Fort Erie as track to close". Below the header, there are several news thumbnails. One thumbnail for "Oscar winner honoured" features a photo of Colin O'Dowd. Another for "It was like something from a movie!" features a photo of a woman. There are also thumbnails for "Eight arrested after drug bust", "Local Businesses", and "Events". The bottom of the page has a prominent banner with the website's URL: www.forterietimes.ca.

